



# Merrick County Board Minutes



## **August 22, 2014**

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Friday, August 22, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Helgoth, Jefferson, Kucera, Hahn, Weller and Wiegert present. Also present was County Attorney Lynelle Homolka.

Moved Jefferson, second Weller to convene as Board of Supervisors at 1:00 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Kucera led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and on the Merrick County website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 1:00 p.m.

**Agenda:** Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

**Budget:** Gene Ulmer with Dana F. Cole said the budget as it is right now shows a total tax request of \$3,181,343.00 and increase of \$255,013.00 or 8.71% over last year. With this year's valuation increasing by 18% that would mean a tax levy of .2175 compared to .2364 last year. That would be a decrease of 1.89 cents, or about 8%. Ulmer told the Board to take the total requirements, subtract the June 30, 2014 fund balances and then subtract the 2014-2015 other receipts and the gives you the \$3,181,343.00 which gives you the preliminary 2014-2015 property tax request. The \$3,181,343.00 is after a 4% add on for delinquent taxes. The Juvenile Diversion revenues need to be redone because some figures were omitted and so the fund was showing it was asking for tax dollars and it is not a tax asking fund. Figures that had been turned in to the Clerk were omitted to the form sent to the accountant and now will be added. There needs to be \$17,500.00 added to the weed line item in the Miscellaneous Budget in the General Fund as it never had a figure put in it. Juvenile Detention in the Miscellaneous Budget in the General Fund also needs more money added because of costs that the state is putting onto the counties. There is \$15,500.00 already budgeted but it costs over \$200.00 a day to house a juvenile in a detention facility. The Board will add \$9,500.00 more to that line item so that the juvenile detention line item will now be \$25,000.00. This all would reduce the tax requirement by \$22,000.00. Helgoth told Ulmer that the County Supervisors had committed up to 2 million dollars for the new 4H building. Ulmer said that they have to budget to spend up to 2 million and to receive up to 2 million. This would be budgeted in the Miscellaneous budget in the General Fund. The County Board could choose to spend \$250,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Ag Society if they want to for the water project. County Attorney Homolka said the Ag Society could levy an additional 3 1/2 cents for capital construction and maintenance of county fairgrounds. This would figure out to about \$511,876.00 but the Ag Society needs to get their tax request turned into the Board so they know what it is. Ulmer told the Board that if they do not budget the 2 million in the County budget before it is adopted the Board can always amended the budget or adopt the budget with a correction. Gordon Deichmann was present and said that he thinks they are putting the cart before the horse because they have no figures for the 4H building, and they don't know where they are going to build it; he said he can't farm that way. He thinks they are rushing it. Deichmann said you are talking money before you have figures. Weller said the Board is not ready to bond yet. Ulmer will go back and make the changes that have been discussed and the Board will have their budget meeting to adopt the budget on September 9, 2014.

**Adjourn:** Moved Kucera, second Helgoth to adjourn at 3:34 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk